(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise for the reason stated in (a) above.

Examinations of IGNOU

1223. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that examinations are conducted twice by IGNOU for various examinations;

(b) whether results are not declared in the reasonable time;

(c) the number of courses for which examinations were conducted in June, 2006 and results for which have not been declared till 8th November, 2006; and

(d) whether Government propose to instruct the IGNOU to declare the result within a reasonable time?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) IGNOU has informed that its term-end examinations are conducted twice a year.

(b) According to IGNOU, the results are declared within 60 to 90 days from the date of conclusion of the term-end examination.

(c) The University has informed that it has conducted the term-end examinations for 1063 courses during June, 2006 and the results for all the examinations were declared by 8th November, 2006

(d) No, Sir.

Irregularities in NCERT books

†1224. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are contemplating to conduct an enquiry regarding mentioning many patriots as terrorists and writing derogatory remarks about women and tribes in NCERT books;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) the action taken during the last six months in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Greater funding for higher education

1225. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Planning Commission has mooted greater funding in higher education;

(b) if so, whether a draft approach paper for education in Eleventh Plan proposes the same;

(c) whether the proposal calls for a substantial increase in resources devoted to this sector and successive annual plans to provide rising levels of budgetary support accompanied by increased generation of internal resources;

(d) whether, Government having agreed to the proposal; and

(e) if so, the action plan being worked out for education during Eleventh Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (e) The Mid-Term Appraisal of the Tenth Plan by the Planning Commission has made several recommendations for the expansion of higher education sector.

These include generation of internal resources. The Draft Approach Paper to the Eleventh Plan also mentions the importance of higher education and the need for its expansion. The Planning Commission has no firm figures as yet for the Gross Budgetary Support under the Eleventh Five Year Plan period. Enhanced allocations for the Higher and Technical education sector would depend on the intra sectoral and inter sectoral priorities and the overall availability of funds. The fiscal discipline under the Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (FRBM) of the Ministry of